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FORMING BODY, AND )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
FOR INTERIOR MATERIAL )  
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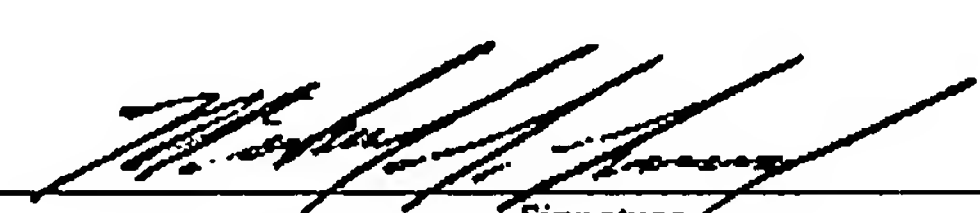
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. 112780-055	
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Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/578,629	May 9, 2006	Michael Hernandez	43793	3612	1402
Invention: <b>INTERIOR MATERIAL, PANEL FORMING BODY, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR INTERIOR MATERIAL</b>					
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Michael S. Leonard**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 22, 2007.

The Office Action entered a restriction requirement between the following patentably distinct inventions.

Group 1, claims 1 through 8, drawn to an interior panel.

Group 2, claims 9 and 10, drawn to a method of manufacture.

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In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8.


Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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